

SENATE BILL No. 652

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-12.

Synopsis: Free tuition for children of state employees. Permits children of full-time state employees, other than a child of a member of the general assembly, to be reimbursed for tuition expenses for college level courses offered by state supported Indiana educational institutions. Requires the state personnel department to adopt rules and interim written guidelines to administer the tuition expense reimbursement program.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 UPON PASSAGE]:
- 4 **Chapter 12. Tuition Reimbursement for Children of State**
- 5 **Employees**
- 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
- 7 **state personnel department.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "educational institution" means**
- 9 **a state educational institution (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1).**
- 10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible child" means a person**
- 11 **who:**
- 12 **(1) is the natural or adopted child of an employee;**
- 13 **(2) is less than twenty-three (23) years of age at the time an**
- 14 **application for tuition expense reimbursement is submitted;**
- 15 **and**
- 16 **(3) has been accepted for undergraduate admission or is**
- 17 **enrolled as an undergraduate student at an educational**



1 institution.

2 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "eligible course" means a
3 course offered by an educational institution for credit toward a
4 degree.

5 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "employee" refers to a full-time
6 employee of the state. The term does not include a member of the
7 general assembly or the spouse of a member of the general
8 assembly.

9 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "satisfactory grade average" is
10 a grade average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or an equivalent
11 grade as determined by the department).

12 Sec. 7. (a) As used in this chapter, "tuition expense" includes
13 the following:

- 14 (1) The tuition and fees charged by an educational institution
15 for enrolling in a course.
- 16 (2) The cost of textbooks for a course.
- 17 (3) Laboratory, parking, equipment, and other special fees
18 assessed to students enrolled at an educational institution.
- 19 (b) The term does not include charges for food or housing.

20 Sec. 8. An eligible child is entitled to reimbursement for tuition
21 expenses charged by an educational institution with respect to
22 eligible courses if the following conditions are met:

- 23 (1) The employee who is the parent of the eligible child
24 submits an application to the department for reimbursement
25 on a form prescribed by the department.
- 26 (2) The application is approved by the department before the
27 eligible child participates in course work for which
28 reimbursement is sought.
- 29 (3) The employee or the employee's eligible child has paid the
30 tuition expenses to the educational institution.
- 31 (4) The eligible child did not receive a scholarship, stipend,
32 or other grant with respect to the tuition expenses.
- 33 (5) The eligible child is in good standing at the educational
34 institution.
- 35 (6) The eligible child achieves a satisfactory grade average
36 with respect to the course work for which reimbursement for
37 tuition expenses is requested.
- 38 (7) The employee and eligible child submit all reports and
39 other documents required by the department.

40 Sec. 9. The department shall do the following:

- 41 (1) Administer and publicize the tuition expense
42 reimbursement program.



(2) Designate an administrator of the program.

(3) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary for the administration of this chapter.

Sec. 10. The rules described in section 9(3) of this chapter must set forth procedures for the following:

(1) Processing applications for tuition expense reimbursement.

(2) Establishing a list of educational institutions.

(3) Reimbursement of employees.

(4) Recording the actions of the department concerning applications and reimbursements.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The state personnel department shall adopt the rules required by IC 5-10-12, as added by this act, before January 1, 2000.

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding IC 5-10-12-9, as added by this act, the state personnel department shall carry out the duties imposed upon it under IC 5-10-12-9 under interim written guidelines approved by the state personnel director.

(b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 5-10-12-9 as added by this act.

(2) January 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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